

## 2013 Profile of Town of Groton (including the village of Groton)

### 1. General Population, Demographics and Housing

- Total Population: 5,950 (2010)
- Median age: 41.3 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
- Population increased 2.7% from 2000
- 96% of Groton's population is white. (Tompkins County rate is 82.6%.)

Groton's growth rate was less than Tompkins County's between 2000 and 2010.

2000 Total Population and Change from 1990				
	2000	2010	Absolute change	Percent change
Groton (town)	5,794	5,950	+ 156	+ 2.7%
Tompkins Cty.	96,501	101,564	+ 5,063	+ 5.2%
V. Groton	2,470	2,363	- 107	- 4.3%

The Town population includes the Village shown separately at bottom.

- Number of households: 2,322
- Percentage of households that are families: 68.5% (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)
  - Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 686 (29.5%)
    - 461 are husband/wife families (19.9%)
    - 68 are male householder families (no wife present) (2.9%)
    - 157 are female householder families (no husband present) (6.8%)
- Number of owner occupied houses: 1,761      Median value: \$110,400
- Percent of occupied homes that are owner occupied: 75.8 % (Tompkins County rate: 54.1%)
- Percent of housing units (2,072) that are mobile homes: 13.9%
- For renter-occupied units, median rent: \$735 (Tompkins median rent: \$837)

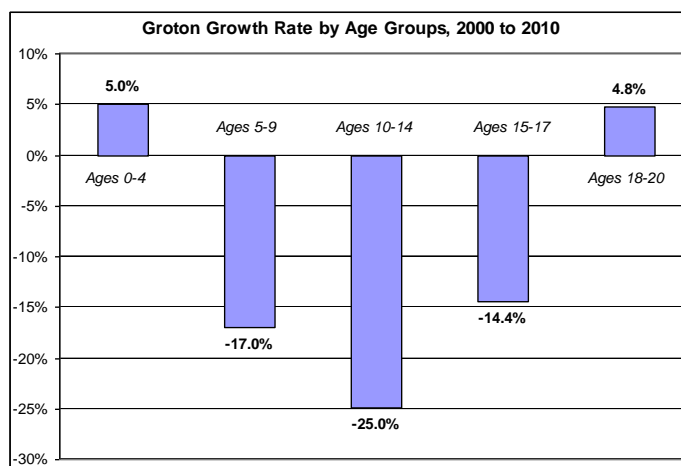
(Sources: 2010 U.S. Census; 2005-2009 American Community Survey)

### 2. Youth Population

The Town of Groton's overall 0-17 youth population shrank by nearly 15% between 2000 and 2010. Age groups 0-4, and 18-20 increased; age groups 5-9, 10-14, and 15-17 are smaller than they were ten years ago. Groton's youth population, ages 0-17, (to factor out the county's college age youth) is the fifth largest in the county.

Approximately 8.3% of Tompkins County youth, ages 0-17, live in Groton.

Source: U.S. Census



Groton Youth 0 – 17		Groton Youth 0 – 20	
Number of youth	1,388	Number of youth	1,585
Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in Groton	8.3%	Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in Groton	5.1%
Percentage change from 2000	- 14.8%	Percentage change from 2000	- 12.8%
Tompkins County change from 2000	- 8.9%	Tompkins County change from 2000	- 3.3%

2010 Youth Population, Changes from 2000											
	Age					2000	2010	%	2000	2010	%
	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 20	0 - 17	0 - 17	Change	0 - 20	0 - 20	Change
Groton (town)	333	375	400	280	197	1,629	1,388	- 14.8%	1,817	1,585	- 12.8%
Tompkins County	4,322	4,410	4,537	3,390	14,321	18,296	16,659	- 8.9%	32,036	30,980	- 3.3%
V. Groton	137	150	135	106	71	676	528	- 21.9%	740	599	- 19.1%

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### 3. School and Education

#### Enrollment

Student Enrollment, 2011 – 12 School Year						
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	Un-graded	ELL *
Groton Elementary School	34	393	0	0	2	0
Groton Middle School	0	0	198	0	1	0
Groton High School	0	0	0	309	2	0

In the 2012-13 school year, 37 K-12 students residing in the Groton district attended a non-public school. The largest number (17) attended Cortland Christian Academy.

\* English Language Learners (formerly Students with Limited English Proficiency)

#### Special Needs

In the 2011-12 school year 16.2% of Groton district students were classified as having a disability. The rate for all school districts in New York State was 12.8%.

#### Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

Free/Reduced Lunch Participation						
	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Groton Elem.	37%	13%	35%	12%	34%	9%
Groton M.S.	34%	12%	30%	12%	33%	8%
Groton District	32%	13%	30%	12%	31%	8%
Tompkins Cty.	27%	8%	26%	6%	28%	6%

The percentage of Groton students receiving free or reduced lunch is above the county average.

Eligibility for a family of 4 (July, 2011): Free lunch \$29,055, Reduced lunch \$41,348

#### School Performance

Groton Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percent Meeting State Standards						
	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science	
	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade
2010-11	35%	42%	36%	56%	88%	83%
2011-12	52%	36%	55%	47%	86%	68%

NYS Education Dept.'s goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

### *Progress Toward High School Completion*

The table below tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks how each cohort progresses toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years.

Groton	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years		
Year entered 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out
2006	74%	4%	9%	74.5%	3.2%	10.6%
2007	81.4%	7.0%	9.3%	83.7%	1.2%	11.6%
2008	83.7%	3.5%	7.0%			

“Graduated” includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. Local Diplomas are being phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered as a graduation diploma.

Source: NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards & Information & Reporting Services

### *School Life*

	Groton	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	45%	44%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	56%	48%
Feels safe at school	87%	87%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	39%	36%
Says students treat each other with respect	27%	32%
Says someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	31%	27%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	7%	5%

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & Groton results

## **4. Health and Substance Use**

### *Youth Substance use*

- Groton student alcohol use is the second lowest in the county and lower than national rates. 13% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- Groton student marijuana use rates are the third lowest in the county but 10<sup>th</sup> grade rates are higher than national peers. 10% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- Groton youth 30-day cigarette use rates are the third highest in the county; rates for 10<sup>th</sup> grade exceed national rates. 6% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- Groton youth smokeless tobacco rates are the third lowest in the county (4%); rates for 8<sup>th</sup> grade exceed national peers.

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & Groton results

### *Teen Pregnancies & Births (Town and Village)*

	Groton Teen Pregnancies			Groton Teen Births		
	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19
2002	0	3	6	0	1	2
2003	0	3	11	0	1	9
2004	0	3	9	0	1	5
2005	0	2	10	0	2	9
2006	n/a	5	10	n/a	3	5
2007	n/a	2	6	n/a	1	5
2008	n/a	3	9	n/a	1	6
2009	n/a	0	4	n/a	0	4
2010	n/a	3	7	n/a	1	6

In order to protect privacy, the NYS Dept. of Health no longer releases data for ages 10-14 except to local health depts.

Source: NYS Dept. of Health Vital Statistics

### *Mental Health*

- 26% of Groton students said they feel sad or depressed most days.
- 18% of Groton students reported that sometimes they think life is not worth it.

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & Groton results

## **5. Citizenship**

### *Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools*

	<b>2010</b>		<b>2011</b>		<b>2012</b>	
	<b>Pre-PINS</b>	<b>PINS</b>	<b>Pre-PINS</b>	<b>PINS</b>	<b>Pre-PINS</b>	<b>PINS</b>
Groton Elem.	3	0	1	1	5	0
Groton M.S.	4	7	2	7	2	3
Groton H.S.	10	1	0	7	0	2

\*A Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) is a youth under the age of eighteen who is showing a pattern of habitual disobedience, running away, curfew violations, substance abuse, violent behavior, or school truancy problems. Pre-PINS Diversion Services attempt to resolve the conflicts that brought a youth to the attention of the Probation Department by offering supervision, guidance, and referrals to community resources, thus preventing the need for formal Family Court intervention. Pre-PINS Diversion is a mandatory prerequisite prior to filing a formal PINS petition in Family Court.

Source: Tompkins County Probation Dept.

### *Juvenile Arrests by Village of Groton Police Dept.*

2008	4
2009	6
2010	5
2011	5
2012	2

Source: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services